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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 2427

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TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, JO, KN

SUBJECT: FIRST PERMANENT SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMAT ARRIVES IN JORDAN

REF: AMMAN 2386

1. RECENTLY ARRIVED REPUBLIC OF KOREA CHARGE SOONG
MADE INTRODUCTORY CALL ON CHARGE APRIL 12.

2. SOONG SAID HE HAD RECEIVED TELEX APRIL 12 FROM
ROK FONMIN INFORMING HIM OF EMBASSY AMMAN TELEGRAM
(REFTEL) REPORT OF APRIL 10 AMMAN NEWSPAPER STORY TAHT
NORTH KOREANS ARE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHING RESIDENT
MISSION IN AMMAN. SOONG IMMEDIATELY APPROACHED FONMIN
UNDERSECRETARY IBRAHIM APRIL 12 WHO CONFIRMED STORY'S
AUTHENTICITY. SOONG SAID HE TRIED TO PERSUADE
IBRAHIM TO DELAY ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH KOREAN MISSION
BUT IBRAHKM SAID THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE SINCE GOJ
HAD ALREADY AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND WOULD NOT PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF A
RESIDENT MISSION. IBRAHIM ALSO INDICATED THAT ROK
WAS "TOO LATE" IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN RESIDENT
MISSION TO PREVENT SIMILAR MOVE BY NORTH KOREANS.
SOONG DOES NOT KNOW WHEN RESIDENT NORTH KOREA REPRESENTATION
WILL START BUT THINKS IT WILL BE SOON.

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3. SOONG INDICATED HE HAD ARRIVED IN AMMAN APRIL 8
AND MADE INTRODUCTORY CALL ON JORDANIAN MINISTER OF
STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APRIL 10 BUT THAT LATTER
MADE NO MENTION OF GOJ DEALINGS WITH NORTH KOREA.

4. SOONG APPEARED RESIGNED TO IMPLACEMENT OF COMPETITIVE
NORTH KOREAN MISSION IN JORDAN BUT IS WORKING HARD TO
SET UP AN EFFECTIVE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY (AT CHARGE
LEVEL) HERE BEFORE NORTH KOREANS DO SO.
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